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TOWN COUNCIL HOLD LAST 1927 MEETING

The last meeting of the town council for 1927 was held in the Town Hall Monday evening, Dec. 19, 1927. In the absence of J. R. Donaldson, H. W. Ford acted as secretary. The report of town engineer Frank Mead included recommendations to use the surplus in the public works budget for the building of more concrete sidewalk next year. It was recommended to extend the walk from the lane behind McKee's store to the railway station.

Mr. Mead also recommended purchasing second hand lumber from the C.P.R. for the building of culverts for the town irrigation system. A third recommendation was that the town purchase a steam boiler to be used for the heating out of catch basins and hydrants.

The council decided to carry out these recommendations. A letter was read from the City of Edmonton asking the council to endorse a resolution to be forwarded to the federal government at Ottawa asking that a policy be adopted whereby Alberta coal may be marketed in Ontario.

A report was read from Dr. R. B. Barrow to the effect that he had tested 65 cows supplying milk to the people of Bassano, and found them free from all disease that are a menace to public health.

- The members of staff join me in conveying to the citizens on the project all good wishes for a Merry Christmas, and hope that the new year will bring health, happiness, and a full measure of prosperity to everyone.

R. B. DOUGHEY

Christmas Customs

It was not until toward the end of the second century that Christmas was observed in Rome. This was during the reign of Emperor Commodus. And about one hundred years after—in the time of Diocletian—an atrocious case of cruelty is recorded of this emperor, who caused a church in Nicomedia on Christmas Day to be set on fire and by burning every person of escape all the worshippers perished in the flames.

Since the end of the fourth century at least, December 25 has been universally observed as the anniversary of the birth of Christ by all the nations of Christendom, but it was not until the middle ages that Christmas became the greatest of all festivals. Churches were adorned with artistic decorations, and quaint little plays were given portraying events connected with the birth of Christ in his early years. Even today such plays are performed every Christmas.

In England in Shakespeare's time the festivities lasted until the twelfth day, or Epiphany. Work was given up and high and low, young and old, joined in the merrymaking. You've probably heard that the carol singers who of course were much greater in numbers than today, were called "wells" because of their habit of waiting for the occupants to come to the window to listen to their songs and give them tokens of gold and silver. This practice has been dropped out for countless years and will most probably be continued for many to come.

In Austria in the days of the Tyrol the ancient Kolada songs, once sung to pagan gods, were dedicated to the Christ Child and Christmas saints, and sang about the streets.

To the French Noël is a time of great rejoicing. The children place wooden shoes on the hearth to receive the presents which Bonhomme Noël (Father Christmas) brings. And they believe Bonhomme Noël is accompanied by another gentleman, a tall, vessel faced person with a long beard, a flowing beard and threatening dark beard. This is Le Père Fouettard (Father Whiplash). The Father Whiplash carries on his shoulders a wickerwork basket filled with birch rods and the child who has been naughty during the year

Gem News

GEM, Dec. 21.—On Wednesday last O. Douglas, accompanied by J. Sparks, went to Bassano on C.P.R. business, travelling with team. They returned to the Colony on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Belvidere, with Jack, returned home early in the week.

E. Small was a Bassano visitor on Wednesday.

"Bill Marshall was a Colony visitor on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jabrass are planning to spend Christmas with friends and relatives in Medicine Hat district. They leave the Colony on Friday next.

Messrs. Harden and Kemp, brother and brother-in-law of the late C. Hayden, are spending a few days in the Colony, guests of Mrs. Hayden and other friends.

Mrs. Schmittler, with E. Robson, are enjoying a week-end in Calgary. On Sunday last Billy Robson celebrated his fifth birthday. Mrs. Miller, his grandmother, giving him quite a party. A number of youngsters had a very happy time.

More than thirty members of the community left the Colony between evening eight and nine o'clock on Saturday morning to attend the funeral of Chester Hayden in Bassano. Owing to the bad condition of the roads, the school vans were used for transportation.

On Wednesday evening the annual Christmas concert was given by the pupils of Gem school. There was a fine Christmas tree decorated with presents for all the pupils, and fruit candy, and popcorn was distributed. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by everyone. School will be closed for the Christmas holidays next Tuesday, January 3rd.

The staff of Gem consolidated school, Miss Walden, Miss Rains, and Miss Harrington, who spent the Christmas holidays with relatives

and friends.

On Wednesday last week Frank Orey met with a very serious accident while handling a 25 rifle. The gun accidentally discharged, the bullet going through the palm of his right hand, he was taken to the Bassano Hospital where he was detained for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robson, of Husar district, who were planning to spend Christmas with friends in the Colony, will not be able to come owing to the bad condition of the roads over the prairie.

In Italy gifts are drawn from the "Urn of Fate," which originated in the Ura of Fate of the ancient Romans. Some of the parcels in the urns are blanks, and of course, there is a great excitement at the drawing, and disappointment at first for the little folks do not understand that in the end there will be presents for all. And in Italy, as in Spain, the Christmas festival is celebrated by bonfires and fireworks.

In some of the Baltic lands the gifts are believed to be brought by the Christ Child (Kris Kringle) himself, and the children pray to him to remember them.

Our beautiful Christmas tree, with its golden stars and lights and shining tinsel, is by some authorities traced to Roman days, but its first appearance as a regular institution was in Germany, along the Rhine, some time in the sixteenth century. And it was not until the beginning of the nineteenth century that the fashion spread all over Germany and by this year later it has been adopted by the entire Christian world. In Germany, also, beautiful Christmas hymns and carols are sung, and the famous "Kris Kringle" is heard everywhere.

The old custom of preparing a bird's Christmas tree, made with bits of apple and nut, onion, and nutmegs, and putting them outside in a place for the feathered folk, has sprung from the Scandinavian custom of placing a basket of grain on a pole in the dovecot for the birds on Christmas morning. In parts of Sweden this is still done.

The Dutch Santa Claus is Saint Nicholas, or San Nicholas, the patron saint of children. St. Nicholas during his life was forever performing generous acts. He slipped gold and silver under the doors of poor people and made homes happy without letting anyone know how it happened. And he was very justly deserved the honor of being the Christmas saint.



Merry Christmas

HE baby's set, the holly's hung,
The candles lit, the carols sung,
The stockings filled, the bells ringing
All in the hours of old and young
Are greetings glad for Christmas.

Another year has gone by and Christmas is here once again, with its season of joy. When we look back nearly two thousand years, we can readily understand the reason for the choir of angels' song of praise when they sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." This heavenly host had reason to break the silence of the ages with his song, for they were heralding the fact that the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, had come in the nature of human flesh to dwell among men.

It was a time unique in the history of the world. Jesus' birth was the consummation of a long line of promises and prophecies. For in the world, the world enjoyed a measure of political unity under the Roman government. Then again, Roman law and justice held supreme sway in the world, not only law and justice, but also a certain amount of religious freedom was enjoyed by the people. Under the rule of Augustus Caesar universal peace was enjoyed for the first time in the affairs of men. Thus it was evident that a period never before had never afterward existed in the world.

There was a reason for it because God was about to present His great gift to the world. Thus, on that first Christmas morning when the silence of the heavens was broken when the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

REV. A. G. THOMPSON,
Minister, Knox Presbyterian Church, Bassano, Alberta.

HUSSAR MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

Interesting News of Hussar and District

HUSSAR, Dec. 21.—The following 12 officers were chosen at the annual meeting of Hussar Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

- W. M. J. V. Elliott
- E. W. Wn. Harkle
- B. W. J. T. Hawke
- J. W. R. Armstrong
- R. D. Lester Snyder
- S. D. O. Phillips
- S. S. Harry Muir
- J. S. A. McDonald
- Sec'y Frank Reeves
- Treas. A. A. Clifton
- Chaplain E. J. Bell
- Registrar H. D. Brown
- O. G. W. D. Moffat
- W. M. O. N. N. N.

Two mechanics from Calgary have purchased lots in the east part of town and will erect a garage.

The Board of Trade will give a hard time dance in the Community Hall Friday, Dec. 22nd. Prizes will be given for best ladies' and gentlemen's representative costumes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parley will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Parley's parents at Camrose.

Miss Pauline Kyle will visit her sister at Humbolt, Sask. during the Christmas vacation.

Rev. Barton will deliver a Christmas sermon at the school house, Christmas night at 7.30, special music.

Jessie Elliott is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Elliott.

Steve Tierney is visiting with relatives in Calgary this week.

A home talent play by thirteen Hussar ladies will be given in the community hall January 12th. Rehearsal the day before.

Jason Bell, who attends the technical school in Calgary, and Bruce Bell, a student at the Alberta University in Edmonton, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell.

Special Christmas music. Strangers welcome. Choir practice Friday Dec. 22, 7.45.

Countess News

Countess, Dec. 22.—Ralph Burrows and Miss Mildred Willoughby were quietly married in Calgary on Friday, December 16th. They left for Vancouver, where they will spend a few weeks before returning to Countess.

The bazaar held at Countess was a huge success. A next sum was realized which will be ample to make the necessary repairs on the hall. The Christmas cake, which was won by the cook at the C.P.R. camp at Lethbridge, brought \$25. The leather coat was won by Miss Ferguson. Cards and dances were the diversion of the evening. Light refreshments were served at a late hour.

Mr. O. Hume, Mrs. Warbur, Mildred Warbur, L. Kolowinsky, J. M. Riddell, W. Crooks, W. Anderson, and Douglas Upton were enthusiastic laborers at the bazaar and dance.

Miss Bramley, of Bassano, attended the dance.

Mrs. Royal Burrows and three children arrived on the Monday evening train from Camrose, where they recently spent their term and are moving back to Countess. Royal Burrows is expected to arrive the last of the week with the stock which he is driving overland.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrows are planning to make their home on the old Pelton place.

Miss Wilma Smith, school teacher at Camrose, was up for the dance. Some cattle buyers ventured into the district the last of the week by sleigh.

Miss Bertha Dopleire and Charlie Dopleire presented Countess school with a beautiful Christmas tree which they sent down from Cochrane where they now reside.

Mrs. Keir and Billie spent Tuesday afternoon visiting with Mrs. Stas.

The superintendent Mrs. A. M. Anderson, and teachers, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Stas and Miss Singham, gave the Sunday school kiddies a jolly surprise Sunday when after Sunday school they served a dainty lunch of sandwiches, cake and some cream coffee, and presented each youngster with a bag of candy. It made them all happy, being the first at Countess.

O. Swanson will spend Christmas at Rosemary with his brother John. Miss Singham left Thursday John Edmonton where she will spend the holidays.

Miss Wilma Smith, of Camrose school, will give a Christmas program Friday. Miss Smith will spend ten days at her home across the Red River, then before returning for the balance of the school year.

Miss Singham gave a most delightful Christmas program at the Countess school on Wednesday to which the parents were invited. All enjoyed most pleasant afternoon. Each adult was presented with a little gift made by the pupils.

The Christmas entertainers at the Bassano school was held Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ferguson and little son left Tuesday for Colorado where they will spend the rest of the winter visiting relatives and friends. They will also visit in Kansas.

Marie Chamberlain is expected home from normal school in Calgary for the holidays. She will visit with her sister, Mrs. Gamble.

Mrs. Keir and children will spend Christmas at Calgary with relatives.

Those standing first in their classes at Countess school are: Grade 5, Caryl Gamble; grade 7, Rhoda Keir and Norman Gamble; grade 4, Joanne Gamble; grade 3, Konsta Condon; grade 2, May Hett; grade 1, Kathleen Keir.

Fred Bonham shipped some fat hogs on Tuesday.

Moffat are home from Calgary for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and daughter, Betty Lee, left Monday for Kansas City and other places in Missouri, where they will visit relatives.

Mrs. Teal and daughter arrived Saturday from Vancouver and are visiting a few days with Mrs. A. Anderson before going to the farm with Mr. Teal.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Haggard are leaving Thursday for a three weeks' visit at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho.

U.F.A. Local Elect Officers for 1928

Annual Meeting Held Last Saturday, December 17th.

The Bassano U. F. A. Local held their annual meeting in the Odd-fellows' Hall last Saturday evening, December 17th. The election of officers for 1928 resulted as follows:

President - Harry Jones
Vice Pres. - Mrs. B. M. Hall
Sec. Treas. - Mrs. Ben Plamer
Directors - Howard Ferguson, P. Powell, Frank Walker, Clarence Fisher, B. M. Hall.
Auditor - Ralph Pool.

The next meeting of the Bassano local will be held the first Saturday in January, the 7th.

CHAPTER MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of Harmony Chapter Royal Arch Masons was held held in the Masonic Hall, Bassano, Wednesday evening, Dec. 21st. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Ex First Principal - H. W. Ford
Ex Second Prin. - H. Beecher
Ex Third Prin. - J. Smith
Treasurer - J. H. Donaldson
Scribe E. - G. H. Travis
Scribe W. - W. E. Bond
P. S. A. Chairman
A. G. W. Bond and H. Smith
Janitor - C. H. Hopkins

Local News

W. B. Weil has rented a farm three miles north of Makepeace, and with his family will move there in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Acheson, of Medicine Hat, are visiting with their daughter Mrs. E. P. Currie.

Ben Plamer went to Calgary Monday to attend a West Pool directors' meeting.

The name of Clarence Morden is listed among those who passed the normal entrance with honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Kamp and children left on Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Kamp's mother in Saskatchewan.

T. O. Brechin shipped his ten beautiful silver fox furs to Montreal on Wednesday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Peak, of Gem, in the Bassano Hospital, on Monday, Dec. 12th.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hall, of Queensland, on Friday, Dec. 16th, in the Bassano Hospital.

Little 5 year old Elizabeth Rasmussen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen, of Chancellors, was brought to the Bassano Hospital suffering with frozen feet and a frozen hand. She is improving nicely.

Mrs. Florence Messenger, of Standard, is a patient in the Bassano Hospital.

Miss Amelia Gronberg, of Camrose, is a new member of the nursing staff of the local hospital, taking the place of Miss Rothbard, who has gone to Prince Rupert.

Dr. W. F. Keith wishes to announce that he has discontinued his Thursday visits to Brooks, and until further notice will remain in Bassano on the day.

G. H. Hook, of Brooks, was in Bassano Wednesday evening attending the Chapter meeting.

Miss Elizabeth Alger of Calgary, is employed in the law office of Robt. McLean, K. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones left for Calgary on Tuesday and will continue their journey up to Olds where they will spend Christmas with Mr. Jones' brother, Harry.

R. C. services will be held in Bassano next Sunday morning at 9.30 o'clock.

Jack H. Donaldson has been ill this week and unable to attend to his duties as town secretary. H. W. Ford is in charge of the town office.

School closed on Thursday afternoon for the Christmas holidays, and will re-open Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.

The "wise birds" are having Roy Smith carry their orders over for one of the new Ford coming soon. It really won't be long, and the only way to make sure of early delivery is to pay a deposit now or turn in your order—and you'll be one of the first to get one.

Canada, the Land of Opportunity

As the year of Canada's Diamond Jubilee draws to a close it is gratifying and inspiring to recall the wonderful history which everything pertains to Canada now reaches throughout the world, and more particularly in the Empire and the United States. Never before in its history did the Dominion receive more or better publicity than it has enjoyed this year. People in other lands are beginning to get a true conception of Canada and the great possibilities and possibilities nothing is better calculated to spread such knowledge in influential British circles than the *Financial Times*, London, having the largest circulation of any financial journal in the world, to issue a special 40-page supplement on Canada during the next three years.

In an editorial introduction to the first of these supplements, The Financial Times, recalling Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement: "The nineteenth century was the century of the United States, the twentieth century will be Canada's century," declares that Sir Wilfrid was "no mere visionary, as events have proved it. Indeed, unquestionably the nineteenth century was the century of the United States, for America's growth in population, enterprise and wealth were without parallel in the world's history. But the rates of Canada's progress in the twentieth century were never equalled in any equivalent period of America's nineteenth century expansion. In the past two decades Canada's expansion has been prodigious. Supporting this statement, the managing editor, in a signed article, makes the following bald recital of facts setting forth the story of "amazing progress."

In the twenty years' period (1896-1916), there was a 50 per cent. increase in the population, which is now estimated at 2,330,000. At that rate of progression the end of the century should see Canada with a population at least equal to that of Great Britain.

The value of Canada's field crops has nearly a fourfold increase in the twenty years' period to \$1,131,241,000. More land was taken up as farms in that period than in any other period of the past century, 381,000 acres of the possible farm land in the Dominion is yet occupied.

There was more than a fourfold increase in the total trade of the Dominion to \$1,256,629,000. The United States had a population of 75,000,000 people in the twenty years' period, while Canada's population was 2,330,000.

The value of Canada's manufactures was about trebled to \$2,595,000,000, which was the total capital invested in manufacturing industries, which, at the end of 1916, amounted to \$2,571,000,000.

The value of the mineral output showed a 350 per cent. increase, and the ratio of value per capita of population rose from \$12.81 to \$25.69.

Thanks largely to the rapid development of the pulp and paper industry, there was more than a twofold increase in the export of forestry products.

There was a 60 per cent. increase in the marketed yield of the fisheries. The value of fish exported showed a tenfold increase to \$17,017,500. When the limit of settlement has been reached there will remain hundreds of thousands of square miles of profitable open country.

Steam railway mileage rose from 21,352 to 40,352, the total country in the world exceeds Canada in railway mileage, proportionate to population.

Electric railway mileage rose from 1,250 to 2,500 miles. The electric railway companies, in operation, with aggregate capitalization of \$222,000,000.

The number of motor vehicles registered in Canada twenty years ago was under 2,000. In 1916 the number was over 100,000.

Nine times as much electrical energy was developed in 1916 as in 1907—the harnesses horse power then being 600,000, against 4,550,000 now. Canada is second only to the United States in turbine hy. installation, and second only to Norway in electric power production.

The Dominion has nearly five times the installation of the United States. The harness horse power of Canada is only about a tenth of her available resources. She has four times as many telephones per capita as Great Britain.

There were fewer than 1,000 bank branches in Canada in 1906; in 1916 there were 5,770. The assets of the Canadian chartered banks in 1906 were under \$300,000,000; in 1916 they were \$5,650,427,300.

The total life insurance in force with Dominion licensed companies in 1906 was under \$100,000,000; in 1916 the aggregate was \$1,600,000,000.

With the collapse of Russia, Canada has become the second largest wheat producing and exporting country—second only for the time being to America.

The Prairie Provinces alone produce wheat and other crops substantially exceeding in value that of the entire United Kingdom, on a per capita basis. Canadians may well find encouragement and inspiration in such a record of progress to go forward with confidence to the achievement of still greater things for their Dominion in the next twenty year period.

Not Handicapped By Blindness

Over 100 Sightless People Employed in German Factory

Blind men are employed in many manufacturing factories. In one German electrical concern, says the annual report of the National Institute for the Blind, more than one hundred sightless people are employed, while double the number are in the employ of another.

Blindness, it is said, is no hindrance to a man looking after two or even more automatic machines. The average earning capacity of a blind operator in these works is considered to be about ninety per cent. of that of a normal-ighted man.

Nearly blind persons employed in French engineering trades earn about eighty per cent. of full wages in a motor factory in America earn forty-four blind men, who are given the work for which they seem best adapted.

Many Lutheran Immigrants

The year 1917 was the largest for the Lutheran Immigration for all, although 1918 is expected to surpass it. During the year 1917, 5,536 immigrants were brought in, 1,450 of them being families, 1,450 family heads and 235 domestic.

Plenty of people have a good aim in life, but a lot of them don't pull the trigger.

Five had the best husband, in the world—that time.

Frost Bites

Minards will quicken dried beans and prevent them from getting tough. Also saves the burnt top-pail.

MINARD'S

"KING OF PAIN"

W. N. U. 1712

Exhibits Are Priceless

Museum in England Contains Old

Methods of Producing Fire

The exhibition which will advance on the road to civilization when discovered how to produce fire. He found it first aided to his personal comfort and still more to his safety.

It was only about a hundred years ago, says a *Times* writer that means of producing fire quickly and easily was discovered.

Specimens of ancient fire-drills, and everything else used in the quest for fire, have been assembled in a unique museum collected by one of the great British masters of matches.

Many of the five thousand exhibits are priceless, and if by some irony of fate fire destroyed them, they would be irreplaceable. Treasured in one case are seven matches—some specimens of the "friction" light made by John Walker in 1826.

The under-boss, in which were kept the steel and flint, form a magnificent collection. It must be remembered that up till 1827 cattle and other animals had to have a flintstone, simple or elaborate, to obtain fire. Tinder and steel were kept in the box, and in the rocks was a flintstone. The boxes were of various metals, and the gem of the collection is one of hand-painted metal with turquoise veneer.

The museum is many queer lighting contrivances. There is the Patent Vellut Match, sometimes called by a plunger. The pellets were made of floor and sawdust, and tipped with a match head.

From case to case one goes, watching the progress of the match until, in 1855, the first "safety" is seen. Many of the exhibits have been a long time, but victory was won by an Englishman, and carried by his British countrymen.

The museum is a box of "Swans," a vivid contrast to the first visitor.

Australia's Catle King

Began Career As Teamster Now Owns Thirty Ranches

A man who has made a name for himself by recently destroyed 4,000 of them because he couldn't sell them and they cost too much to keep in, at several years' end, is visiting London.

He is Sir Sydney Kidman, the veteran Cattle King of Australia. He began his career as a teamster in 1870, and in 1880 he was a cattle rancher.

Now he owns thirty ranches covering more than thirty million acres of land; more than 100,000 cattle and more than 1,000,000 sheep and thousands of donkeys and pigs.

Saskatchewan Tourist Business

Heads All Provinces in Canada in Growth of Revenue

Saskatchewan leads the provinces in Canada in growth of revenue from tourist traffic, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, dealing with the calendar year 1916.

The previous year was over 100 per cent. over previous with a revenue increase of 100 per cent. The tourist business for the whole of Canada has risen from \$83,726 in 1910 to \$105,726 in 1916, an increase of 25 per cent.

Saskatchewan has taken a leading role in all parts of the province.

Though some of them were of magnificent workmanship they had all been shattered and bored with holes so as to avoid payment of duty, since they were destined to be sold for the metal they contain.

Soviet Selling Church Bells

Some of Magnificent Workmanship Brought to Western World

The Soviet Government, being in need of funds, has turned to melting church bells.

A Russian merchant ship docked this week at Harbin with a load of bells, the stomachs of the Chinese.

Though some of them were of magnificent workmanship they had all been shattered and bored with holes so as to avoid payment of duty, since they were destined to be sold for the metal they contain.

Out of Proportion

A traveler who was removed for his tall stories on being asked out to dinner made arrangements with his friends, who were to accompany him, that they should kick him if he became too tall.

One tall story in the evening he started off.

"That reminds me," he said to the hostess, "of a friend of mine who was a tall story teller, and he told a kick—and two inches wide."

Homestead Entries

Homestead entries in the four Western Provinces for the first ten months of 1917, totalled 1,365, as compared with 1,997 in the first ten months of 1916.

Of the 1917 figures, 990 were in Manitoba, 3,211 in Saskatchewan, 2,265 in Alberta and 1,100 in British Columbia. Alberta registered an increase of 497 filings over the previous year.

New homesteads taken out in the ten months accounted for the occupation of more than 500,000 acres of land.

Area Sown To Padder Corn

An estimated average of 104,500 was sown to fodder corn in Western Canada in 1917, against 40,000 acres being sown in Alberta. The production of the territory, it is estimated, will be 527,000 tons, as against 377,000 tons in 1916.

A mother seal can place her pup by a hole on a cake of ice and dive on a food-sucking expedition, staying for hours, and can enter directly to the cake though the ice may have drifted thirty or forty miles in the meantime.

Head Cools

Relieved with Vapors

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Bank of Montreal Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal brought to a close a year in which the bank had enjoyed another record year.

Sir Vincent Meredith, president, and Sir Frederick Williams, chairman, presided over the annual meeting, which was held at the bank's headquarters in Montreal.

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Nationalist Government Hands Passports To The Soviet Consul

Shanghai.—The Nationalist government has handed the Soviet consul at Shanghai the passports it has requested to leave Nationalist territory within a week.

The passports were given the Soviet envoy by Chao Tai-chi, Nationalist vice-minister of foreign affairs. The action was in line with the recently announced policy of the Nationalists under Chiang Kai-shek to remove all Russian influence in Chinese affairs.

In addition to severing diplomatic relations, the Nationalists also broke off commercial relations, demanding the closure of Russian commercial agencies, including the Russian Legation, the Russian Consulate, the Russian Bank, and the volunteer force.

Explaining its action, the Nationalist Government, in its official manifesto, said:

"The Nanking Government has been informed that the Soviet consul and commercial agencies in Nanking, let jurisdiction, have long been used as headquarters for Red propaganda and as a nucleus for communists. The presence of these facts, which have been withheld, in view of the formal relations existing between China and Russia.

"On December 13, in Canton, an uprising took place culminating in the forcible occupation of the city by communists, who cut off communications, burned, plundered, massacred and murdered throughout the city. This was the result of communists using the Chinese Nationalist Government as a base to direct operations."

"It is feared that similar occurrences will take place elsewhere. Such things no longer can be tolerated, and therefore the recognition afforded the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is terminated."

"If Khabarovsk, Soviet consul general, refused to comment on the Nationalist order, merely stating that he was awaiting instructions from Moscow, which will issue a statement."

Manitoba Gold Brick Shipped To Ottawa

First To Come Out of Mines Going To Royal Mint
Winnipeg.—A brick of gold from the Central Manitoba Mines, the first to come out of the district, has been shipped to Ottawa, and will be received by the Royal Mint there.

The shipment of the "gold brick" to the "mint" was, with the utmost secrecy, officials refusing to state whether the shipment reached here by road or airplane.

The directors of the mines have stated that they are gradually eliminating losses in the tailings and that it will not be long until the mines will be making shipments as regularly as the Timmins, Ont., mines.

Death Toll By Fire

Child Victims in Canada Number 140
This Year
Toronto.—The fire at the Horne Hotel, which was the third disaster to take toll of numerous young lives in Canada this year, bringing the number of child victims to about 140. The other two were the fire and panic at the Laurier Theatre, Montreal, January 19, when 78 were killed, and the orphanage fire at Lac La Poudre, Sase, September 19, when 20 children were burned to death.

Other fires in Canada this year claimed upwards of 40 victims.

The Curse Of Tipping

Vancouver.—"Tipping is the curse of the catering business from the waiter's point of view," said P. R. McKinnon, Vancouver, before a session of the minimum wage board. Waiters in one of the city's largest hotels have not received more than \$1.20 per day in wages at any time within the past 20 years, said C. G. McKinnon. They are studying the possibilities of their customers and means of extracting money from them in tips.

Air Mail For Mine Area

Ottawa.—Plans are under way in the post office department for the substitution this winter of airmail service for the present (train) day train mail, to serve the Lake, West Lake, Women River, and Narrows Lake in the mining area of Northern Ontario. Aviation companies have already been approached by the postal authorities and it is expected that tenders will be let shortly.

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Britain Paying War Debt

Heavy Payment Is Made To The United States

London.—A payment of \$25,776,000 was made Dec. 15th by the British Government to the United States Treasury, of which sum the amount of \$20,000,000 is in payment of the principal of the debt, the balance being interest.

With this payment, the total payments to the United States since the outbreak of the war amount to \$100,380,000, of which \$110,000,000 has been on account of principal.

The amount outstanding has been reduced to \$44,000,000.

LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENTS TAKE TOLL OF DEATH

Ottawa.—The level crossing continues to take its toll of life.

Statistics compiled by the railway board show that in November of 1931 crossing accidents, automobiles involved in 26. Eight persons were killed and 40 injured. Most of the automobile accidents occurred at crossings.

Comparative figures for the whole year are not yet available, but in the last four months of this year the number of crossing accidents was 123, the same as in 1930.

Without stop, the other half of Lindbergh, piloting the Spirit of St. Louis, which earlier in the year had carried him to Paris, flew from Washington to Mexico City. For more than 27 hours he was at the controls.

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General Alderson gave splendid service throughout the Great War. In connection with his command of the Canadian Army Corps, he was mentioned in dispatches and was created a Knight Commander of the Bath and Commander of the Legion of Honor.

He was A.D.C. to Queen Victoria from 1900 to 1906 as A.D.C. to King Edward VII.

In the Great War General Alderson took command of the Canadian troops from their first arrival in England. Members of the first contingent went to the front with him. He was at Plymouth on landing and later at subsequent inspections on Salisbury Plain and in France.

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In October last the League of Nations called the different governments which are party to the League, and asked them to give its advisory committee on calendars a list of proposals. The committee of inquiry has been set up to study the proposals. Steps are being taken to form such a committee here.

The international fixed calendar would provide for 13 months instead of 12. Each month would have 28 complete weeks beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. An extra day would be necessary and this would be inserted between June and July. Every month of the year, by this plan, would be identical in date, day and hour. The calendar for the year would be dated December 29th as an eighth day extra Sabbath ending of the last week. In leap year, "leap day" would be inserted on the middle summer extra Sabbath and dated June 29th.

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Prize Swine Raisers of the West

Raising hogs that can compete with the best produced in the West is the specialty of these four young men who were winners in Juvenile Swine Competitions in the prairie provinces this year. The competitors, which have become an annual event through the province, are conducted by the Canadian Pacific Railway in order to stimulate the raising of prize swine, thereby and raising. The young men are, from left to right: Ken, Graham and William Parry, of Kenora, Manitoba, and Thom as Gammon and James Clark of Kenora, Saskatchewan. They were photographed in Toronto while attending the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair as guests of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Work On Film Flare Railway
The Plan, Man—H. F. McLean and William Toulson, who have the contract for the construction of the new railway line, have been in the city since they arrived here and are making preparations to start work sooner than was expected. It is planned to lay out the ground up to Cranberry Lake, as to enable contractors to rush in supplies. If this is decided on, 200 men will be needed.

Smothered In Grass

Mr. William Ont—Joseph Escobar, 28, father of five children, was smothered to death in a bin of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway here to-day. The body of the five children, was found at the bottom of the bin and it is believed that as he reached the bottom the grain slid, covering and smothering him.

Friendly Relations Between Wheat Growers Of Canada And U. S.

Killed Erecting Aerial

Three Electrocuting When Wire-Cut
In Contact With High Power Lines

Buffalo, N.Y.—Three persons met death by electrocution when an aerial which they were erecting, came in contact with two high power electric lines, each carrying 2,300 volts.

The dead are: Fred J. Voltz, 41 years old, his wife Ella, 40 and their son, Joseph, 17.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Limberg, at whose home the tragedy occurred, are at Atlantic City. Mrs. Voltz, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Limberg, thought it would be a pleasant surprise to her parents if when they returned at Christmas time they found that a radio had been installed as a Christmas gift. They bought the necessary equipment and tried to install it.

Invited To Spend Christmas In Mexico

But Mother Of Colonel Lindbergh Is Impossible
Detroit, Mich.—Mrs. Evangeline Lodge-Lindbergh, declined the invitation of Ambassador Dwight Morrow, to spend the Christmas holidays with her son, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, in Mexico City, as a guest of the ambassador and President Calles, of Mexico. In a telegram to her son, Mrs. Lindbergh said:

"Please thank Ambassador Morrow. I regret it is impossible to accept invitation."

Mrs. Lindbergh was back at school, teaching her chemistry classes as usual.

Surveying Film Flare Railway

Prince Albert, Sask.—P. D. Stevens, chief locating engineer of the Canadian National Railway, Western region, in charge of a large survey party, has left for The Pas, Man. He will begin work in that region in connection with the construction of the new railway line to the Film Flare.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS LESSON

Golden Text: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save us from all our iniquities." Matthew 1:21.

Lesson: Luke 2:1-20.

Explanations and Comments

I. The Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, verses 1-7.—A decree of Caesar Augustus ordered that there should be every one in the Roman Empire. The people of Palestine were enrolled in the census. This time the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Son of God, was born.

Which had been the home of their ancestor David. There Jesus was born, and he grew up in the city of David. There was no room for them in the inn.

"Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born,

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CHRISTMAS

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Christmas! What a magic word it is. To the boys and girls it means a season of great joy and excitement; the biggest event of the year; new toys and playthings to gladden their hearts; candles, nuts, and other good things to eat. To the men and women of the Christian world it means a season of gladness and rejoicing, peace and good will, and the expanding of friendship through the exchange of gifts.

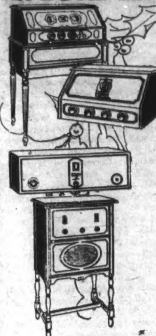
Since the birth of Jesus Christ in the little town of Bethlehem the annual celebration of Christmas has developed and grown until today it is the most important event in the social life of the Christian nations.

Every year it brings a season of happiness to millions of hearts. Every year with the coming of Christmas many old friendships are renewed, many families whose members have been scattered far and wide are reunited, and an atmosphere of joy prevails everywhere.

Oh, Christmas, happy Yuletide season, thou art the brightest spot in the whole year. Let us rejoice to the very depths of our hearts.



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In the home that owns a Westinghouse radio, Christmas cheer does not die with the Yule log embers. Long after other gifts are forgotten a Westinghouse brings countless hours of enjoyment.

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The
BASSANO CREAMERY

W. A. Brodie, Manager
Bassano - Alberta

Our Best Wishes for a
happy Yuletide season.



Crown Lumber Co.
M. E. Granlund, Local Manager

DEAD? NO!

Still going strong
Write, or phone
506 Gem

B. T. GRAY
Auctioneer

A Merry Christmas

Say it with
Music



Bassano Radio Shop
M. A. Haynes, Prop.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hildebrand were in from Crawford on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rodbourne were in from Crawford on Monday.

Mr. Hingham, of Latham, was in Bassano on Monday.

Dan Morrison came down from Shepard last Saturday evening, staying over till Sunday night.

Ben Gray, the Gem auctioneer, left Monday afternoon for Wingham, Ont., to spend Christmas at the old home.

M. A. Hazen is auctioning in the vendor's store during the Christmas rush.

The first dance to be held in the new Bassano Masonic Hall will be given on Friday January 6th, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Maguire and daughter Irene, of Gem, left on Monday afternoon to spend a Christmas vacation in Vancouver.

Manager Jack Torgan has closed the Gem Theatre temporarily. No pictures will be shown until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gahan, of Duchess passed through Bassano Saturday on their way to Glacier, Washington, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ferguson and baby left on Tuesday to visit Mrs. Ferguson's father who is ill in the States.

The Bassano merchants are busy these days with the Christmas trade. Business is brisk, and a wonderful stock of Christmas goods is to be seen on display.

Pat O'Connor suffered a broken leg last Monday while unloading piles at Latham. The wires holding the load on the fatcar broke, and the heavy piles rolled down on him.

Miss Helen Nicol has resigned from the teaching staff of Bassano public school, and will teach in Calgary after the first of the new year.

Miss Elma C. Spence, of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, has been engaged to take the place of Miss Helen Nicol on the Bassano public school teaching staff.

Miss Jean McArthur, of Medicine Hat, has been engaged as photographer in the Bassano Court Office, taking the place of Miss Lillian Hayes, who is leaving shortly for Seattle.

The new Punks will be sold by Roy Smith in the order in which they are spoken for now. Pay a deposit, or turn in your old car and have him enter your order for one of the new models, otherwise you may be footed on early delivery.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE EXTEND TO OUR CUSTOMERS
THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

FATS QUICK LUNCH

A Merry Christmas
and A Happy New
Year

Say! The New Ford Car
will bring some real cheer!

Roy Smith

1927 CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR 1928

Thanks for your kind patronage during the year now drawing to a close.

That a large measure of happiness at Christmas and the most abundant prosperity throughout the New Year may attend all our friends and customers is the sincere wish of

A. A. Clifgard

General Merchant

HUSSAR - ALBERTA

IMPERIAL OIL, Limited

At this gladtime we extend to all the people of the town and district the

Season's Greetings

May prosperity and good fortune attend you during the coming year.

FRANK MURPHY
Manager Bassano Branch

May Your Hamper
Be as Full of Good
Things as Your Best
Wishes Are

To the general expressions of Good Will that abound at this Season, we add our Heartiest Good Wishes for the Continued Well Being and Prosperity of all our Friends.

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BIG HORN BREWING CO. LTD.

Brewers of

HORN Brand BEER

HORN Brand STOUT

Dear Friends:

As we draw near to the close of the year, a year that has been good to all, we want, not only to take this opportunity of wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, but also to thank you for your valued business which has helped to make it possible for us to enjoy this business year.

A mutual confidence and understanding is the real basis of all satisfactory business. It is our hope that we have developed these qualities during our past business relationship, and that we may continue to enjoy them in the future to our mutual advantage.

Currie & Milroy Ltd., Hardware

Bassano and Hussar

We thank you for your patronage during the past year, and extend to you our best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

JAMES JOHNSTON, "The Quality Store"

A Merry Christmas to Everybody

BULMER'S STORE

The Season's Greetings

Another year is drawing to a close, and at this time particularly, we desire to express to our customers our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the business placed with us in the past, and our hope that the very pleasant and friendly relations enjoyed may continue to our mutual benefit.

We wish to assure all our patrons that our continued aim will be to give the utmost satisfaction with regard to prices, quality and service.

We wish you all A Very Happy Christmas

JACK TORGAN



BASSANO LODGE NO. 22, ANCIENT
FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS
Meets the first Tuesday of the month.
Visiting brethren cordially welcome.
Worshipful Master
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GOOD FRESH MILK and CREAM
Milk Delivered Every Morning
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Registered Optometrist

Broken lenses replaced from prescription or plates. Absolute satisfaction guaranteed. Quick service.
BASSANO, ALBERTA

STRAYED—1 red steer, 2 years old, 1 red yearling steer with white face; 1 red yearling steer with spotted face; 1 roan 2 year old cow, no horns, with roan ball calf at side; 1 red Poll bull, 4 years old. All above animals branded on right hip. Please notify H. Z. Lore, Lacombe. 22-25-9

RADIO
"Voice of the Prairie" W. W. Grant, and Canadian General Electric Radiolas
G. R. WARREN, Agent

"Joss stick" makers in Shanghai have struck against a new war tax, and now the whole city is in flames.
—Manila Bulletin

We extend to all our friends, best wishes for a Merry Christmas

McKee's Stores

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